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MEMO TO: FILE

RE: CHEMICAL RECOVERY

CC: Richard J. Bergman, Safety-Service Director
Lonny G. Shippy, City Engineer
Charles B. Coen, Supt. Waste Water Pollution Control Plant
Ernest G. Bartha, City Chemist
Archie Evans, Supt. Building Dept.

FROM: Gregory F. Worcester, Asst. City Chemist

SUBJECT: Chemical Spill.

PRESENT: Jack Graves, State Fire Marshall Inspector
Vince Howard, Fire Prevention Bureau Inspector
Greg Worcester, Asst. City Chemist

DISCUSSION:

- A. An employee of Chemical Recovery (Russ Cramer) was pumping a solution of xylenes and toluene from a storage tank to a mixing tank. The employee was using a pump connected to a truck. Usually a pump in the building is used. Why the employee used the truck pump is not known. The one hose came off of the pump causing approximately 200 gallons (appeared to be much more) of the solution to be discharged onto the ground. This was discovered by Inspector Graves.
- B. Upon discovery of the spill the company began clean-up operations. The spilled material was pumped into 55 gallon drums.
- C. The State Fire Marshall's Office in Columbus and the OEPA were notified by the Fire Department of the spill.
- D. Vince Howard reported that Chemical Recovery will dig a pit at the bottom of the incline just east of the river bank to trap any solvent that may be washed down by rain.
- E. By late afternoon Chemical Recovery had retrieved 550 gallons of the solvent, although some water was also picked up.